

Remarks

Amendment to the Specification

In paragraph 3, page 3, the Examiner suggests changing the title to "Electrostatic Gripping Device" or the like. We agree with this suggestion.

The title of the Specification has been cancelled and the Examiner's suggested title of "Electrostatic Gripping Device" has been adopted.

Amendment to paragraph [0013] of the description is indicated with brackets for the few characters of text deleted and underlining of new text. The mistakes in paragraph [0013] are self-evident, where a layer of 1 mm thickness is ground down to 100 ~~mm~~ μm thickness, etc. These changes correctly correspond to the parameters set forth in the priority document.

Drawings

The Examiner requires corrected drawings. Corrected drawings are submitted herewith. A Letter to the Draftsperson of the USPTO is not included herewith, as the drawings are merely resubmissions that meet the Examiner's required level of quality. The four drawing sheets are each marked with "Replacement Sheet".

The Claims

Claims 12-17 are withdrawn from consideration by rejection with traversal. The Examiner did not accept the arguments for traversal, and is requiring that we cancel claims 12-17 in the response to this Office Action. Claims 12-17 have therefore been cancelled in this Amendment.

The attached set of new claims (18 through 30) replace claims 1 through 11. These claims have the contents of the previous claims. Applicant respectfully believes the new claims overcome the "112" rejections.

Remarks to page 4 of the Office Action are as follows:

The gripper elements in claim 1, lines 5, 6, are directed to the at least two gripper elements of claim 1, line 5 (and are now described in corresponding claim 18).

The gripper elements of line 5 include the gripper element of line 3. Each gripper element is made up of an electrode pair. The lack of definiteness objected-to in former claim 1 has been corrected in new claim 18.

New claims correspond to the cancelled claims as follows:

Old Claim	New Claim
1	18
2, 3	19, 20
5	21, 22
6	23
7	24, 25, 26
8	27
9	30
10, 11	28, 29
12-17	31-34

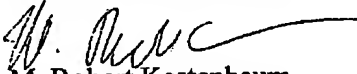
New claims 24, 25, 26 correspond to former claim 7 and have been formulated with positive structure limitations. New claim 27 corresponds to former claim 8 and has

been clarified. New claim 30 corresponds to former claim 9, and has been formulated with positive limitations.

Claims 31-34 relate to structural features contained in claims 12- 17, and claims 35 and 36 relate to the disclosure on page 3, last line, and page 4, first line.

Wherefore further consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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